

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A computer implemented method for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the method comprising:

displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position; moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

22. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object; and

displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising removing the selected text at the source location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

25. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

28. (New) A machine-readable medium having instructions, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the method comprising:

displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position; moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position.

29. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

30. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the method further comprises:

displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object; and displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret.

31. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the method further comprises visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

32. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the method further comprises removing the selected text at the source location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

33. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the method further comprises visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

34. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

35. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

36. (New) An apparatus for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position;

means for moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and

means for displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:

means for displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object; and

means for displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, further comprising means for visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 39, further comprising means for removing the selected text at the source location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising means for visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

44. (New) A computer system, comprising:  
a processor;

a control device including a button having a first position and a second position; and  
a memory for storing instructions, which when executed from the memory, cause the  
processor to perform a method, the method including  
displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol  
controlled by the control device is positioned near the selected text at a  
source location of a first window and when a button of the control  
device is in the second position,  
moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of  
the first window to a destination location of a second window while the  
button of the control device is the second position, and  
displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window  
identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is  
in the first position.